

Mr. Speaker, there are other issues that are just as important to us as funding, though, and which actually costs us nothing but our commitment to reduce the disparities that exist for communities of color in this country.

They include the funding of the offices of minority health in the agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services, such as CDC, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, SAMHSA, and to Health and Substance Abuse, HRSA, and the Agency for Health Care Research, where although they are established, they are not funded.

It has been directed that up to 0.5 percent of the agencies' budget be allocated to fund them, and we want the committee to direct that this be done. With the best of intentions, the issue of people of color will not be adequately addressed unless these offices are empowered and are given some authority within their individual agencies.

The other important area is the Office of Minority Health Research at the National Institutes of Health which we are asking to be raised to the level of a center. That office, to be effective, and to fulfill its important role in ending a two-tiered system of health care in this country must have budget sign off. It must have accountability for the funds and the research it has done on behalf of the people it represents. We in the Caucus will fight for this as we will fight on the other issues until this becomes a reality.

We have many other challenges before this country, insuring the uninsured to name a major one. We can make a major step towards better health care in this country by supporting the initiatives of the Congressional Black Caucus. They are undertaken, not just on behalf of African Americans or Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans, Asian or Pacific Islanders, or Native Hawaiians or Native Alaskans, although those are our priority populations, but they are undertaken on behalf of all Americans.

Just like justice, health care delayed is health care denied. We have an obligation as the Representatives of all of the people of this country to bring health care, not just to some, but to each and every American.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 42 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SESSIONS) at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2910, NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1999

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-342) on the resolution (H. Res. 312) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2436, UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT OF 1999

Mrs. MYRICK, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106-348) on the resolution (H. Res. 313) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2436) to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BOSWELL) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today;
Ms. BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today;

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GUTKNECHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. RAMSTAD, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, October 6;
Mr. ROHRBACHER, for 5 minutes, today;

Mr. ISAKSON, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. EHLERS, for 5 minutes, today;
Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MCINNIS, for 5 minutes, today.
(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NETHERCUTT, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a joint resolution of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 34. Joint resolution congratulating and commending the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles:

On September 28, 1999:

H.R. 2605. Making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 68. Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 30, 1999, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4557. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Oranges, Grapefruit, Tangerines, and Tangelos Grown in Florida; Limiting the Volume of Small Red Seedless Grapefruit [Docket No. FV99-905-3 IFR] received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4558. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Department of the Air Force, transmitting notification that the Commander of Air Education and Training Command is initiating a Multiple Support Function comparison of the base operating support functions at Kessler Air Force Base (AFB), Mississippi, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2304 nt.; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4559. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the Effectiveness and Cost of the Civilian Separation Incentive Program for Fiscal Year 1998; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4560. A letter from the Departments of the Army and the Air Force, transmitting a report on Enhancing the National Guard's Readiness to Support Emergency Responders in Domestic Chemical and Biological Terrorism Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4561. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a determination that it

is necessary to order the transportation of 16 Chemical Agent Identification Sets (CAIS) recently recovered in Guam and currently stored on Anderson Air Force Base, Guam, to Johnston Atoll; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4562. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report specifying for each military treatment facility the amount collected from third-party payers during the preceding fiscal year; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4563. A letter from the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the report on State member bank compliance with the national flood insurance program, pursuant to Public Law 103—325, section 529(a) (108 Stat. 2266); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4564. A letter from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Office of Thrift Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting a joint report, required by section 402 of the Credit Union Membership Access Act of 1998, detailing the progress of the Riegle Community Development and Regulatory Improvement Act of 1994 since the report of September 1996; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4565. A letter from the Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting the Board's Annual Report on the Low-Income Housing and Community Development Activities of the Federal Home Loan Bank System for 1998, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1422b; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

4566. A letter from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, transmitting Final Funding Priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000 and Subsequent Fiscal Years—Training of Interpreters for Individuals Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and Individuals Who Are Deaf-Blind, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 1232(f); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4567. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 13-123, "Condominium Amendment Act of 1999," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1—233(c)(1); to the Committee on Government Reform.

4568. A letter from the Director, Administration and Management, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of the Department of Air Force vacancy; to the Committee on Government Reform.

4569. A letter from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting a report on the Government's helium program providing operating, statistical, and financial information for the fiscal year 1998, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 167n; to the Committee on Resources.

4570. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Migratory Bird Hunting; Late Seasons and Bag Possession Limits for Certain Migratory Game Birds (RIN: 1018-AF24) received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

4571. A letter from the Secretary of Labor, transmitting the Secretary's annual report on employment and training programs, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1579(d); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4572. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans Education: Montgomery GI Bill—Active Duty; Administrative Error (RIN: 2900-AJ70) received September 24, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

4573. A letter from the Executive Office of the President, transmitting a report on the

Accession of the Republic of Georgia to the World Trade Organization; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4574. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Compliance, transmitting the Three Year Report of the Office of Compliance; jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. CANADY: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2436. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-332, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 312. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2910) to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the National Transportation Safety Board for fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-347). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mrs. MYRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 313. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2436) to amend title 18, United States Code, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice to protect unborn children from assault and murder, and for other purposes (Rept. 106-348). Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X, the Committee on Armed Services discharged. H.R. 2436 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COX (for himself, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. PORTER, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. STARK, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Ms. LEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 2969. A bill to prevent United States funds from being used for environmentally destructive projects or projects involving involuntary resettlement funded by any institution of the World Bank Group; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California):

H.R. 2970. A bill to prescribe certain terms for the resettlement of the people of Rongelap Atoll due to conditions created at Rongelap during United States administration of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. ARMEY (for himself, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. SHAYS):

H.R. 2971. A bill to provide parents whose children attend an academic emergency school with education alternatives; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. BERRY:

H.R. 2972. A bill to redesignate the Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center in the State of Arkansas as the Harry K. Dupree Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2973. A bill to impose a moratorium on the export of bulk fresh water from the Great Lakes Basin; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. HILL of Montana:

H.R. 2974. A bill to convey the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project, the Savage Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, and the Intake Irrigation Project to the appurtenant irrigation districts; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon:

H.R. 2975. A bill to establish grant programs to provide opportunities for adolescents, to establish training programs for teachers, and to establish job training courses at community colleges, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to reduce class size, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PELOSI (for herself, Mr. BENT-

SEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STARK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WAXMAN, and Ms. WOOLSEY):

H.R. 2976. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit children covered under a State child health plan (SCHIP) to continue to be eligible for benefits under the vaccine for children program; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. KLECZKA:

H. Res. 314. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all parties involved in negotiating the compensation for the Nazi slave and forced labor victims should achieve a settlement that is fair and equitable to all claimants; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. STARK:

H. Res. 315. A resolution supporting the goals and ideas, and commending the organizers, of "National Unity Day"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. TRAFICANT:

H. Res. 316. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that a postage stamp should be issued honoring William Holmes McGuffey, author of the McGuffey Readers; to the Committee on Government Reform.